

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JOHN J.
2 GROSSENBACHER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF IDAHO AS DIRECTOR
3 OF IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, John Grossenbacher came to Idaho in 2005 to merge elements of
7 the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory with Argonne
8 National Laboratory-West to create Idaho National Laboratory (INL); and

9 WHEREAS, serving as laboratory director, John Grossenbacher confirmed
10 and enhanced INL's credibility and reputation as the national nuclear labo-
11 ratory; and

12 WHEREAS, John Grossenbacher dramatically expanded and improved INL's
13 nuclear technology, national and homeland security, and nonnuclear energy
14 and environmental capabilities; and

15 WHEREAS, these investments in capabilities resulted in INL winning 18
16 Research and Development 100 Awards, achieving a breakthrough in gas reactor
17 fuel development, conducting extraordinary demonstrations in control sys-
18 tems cybersecurity, producing four space batteries to power the Mars Sci-
19 ence Laboratory and other NASA missions, converting 49 research reactors to
20 a more proliferation-resistant nuclear fuel, removing or securing 17 tons of
21 highly enriched uranium and plutonium from the former Soviet Union, and sup-
22 porting the U.S. Navy and nuclear researchers throughout the United States
23 by conducting 44 experiment cycles of the Advanced Test Reactor; and

24 WHEREAS, under John Grossenbacher's leadership, INL created three na-
25 tional scientific user facilities, making the lab's capabilities accessible
26 to researchers around the world; and

27 WHEREAS, John Grossenbacher was instrumental in the creation and shap-
28 ing of Idaho's Leadership in Nuclear Energy (LINE) Commission, which has
29 demonstrated to Idahoans that INL is an institution of great importance to
30 the state, as the INL Site Environmental Cleanup nears completion and cre-
31 ates a framework focused on a positive INL future; and

32 WHEREAS, John Grossenbacher has been a trusted advisor to three gover-
33 nors, three U.S. senators, five congressmen, the Idaho Legislature, the At-
34 torney General, the State Department of Environmental Quality and State Of-
35 fice of Energy Resources; and

36 WHEREAS, John Grossenbacher has led and managed INL with distinction,
37 investing in its people and developing their skills at INL, representing
38 those people and their work candidly and transparently, and strengthening
39 public trust and confidence in the performance of the high-hazard work at
40 INL; and

41 WHEREAS, John Grossenbacher has been steadfast in his commitment and
42 tireless in his energy for 10 years, building an institution at INL of which
43 the State of Idaho and the nation can be proud.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
2 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-
3 sentatives concurring therein, that we recognize and honor John J. Grossen-
4 bacher for his work as director of Idaho National Laboratory and the signifi-
5 cance of his work to the State of Idaho.